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Oversight yields ZERO water & sewer rate increase for 6th straight year...

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COUNCILS APPROVE WSSC OPERATING BUDGET

The Montgomery County Council today joined its Prince George's County counterparts in approving the operating budget for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) for the coming year, confirming a zero water and sewer rate increase for the sixth consecutive year.

This freeze on rates is the fruit of efforts by the two councils starting in 1994 to control WSSC spending and promote more efficiencies.

Two years ago, the major bond rating agencies recognized those results by upgrading WSSC's bonds to triple-A, the highest rating.

"This is great news for Montgomery families," said Council President Michael Subin. "It's all part of our commitment to a 'lean, clean, and mean' WSSC – no rate increases, a streamlined operation, and a reduction of WSSC's outstanding debt."

"Strong leadership and a resourceful reorganization have enabled the agency to become much more effective and efficient in its operations. Now the residents of Montgomery County and Prince George's County will enjoy a sixth year without a rate hike." # # #